
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 918 (File 66, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF VETERINARIANS WHEN PRESCRIBING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine, when determining if a veterinarian acted with negligence, to consider the American Veterinary Medical Association's published standards of care and guidelines, including those for using, distributing, and prescribing prescription drugs. By law, the board can discipline a veterinarian for a number of causes, including cruelty or negligence towards animals or birds.

*Senate Amendment "A" replaces the underlying file, which required veterinarians to undertake certain review and counseling activities when dispensing medications.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 3 (03/04/2013)

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 1 (04/16/2013)